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IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A) A SURVEY OF CCC AREA WAS CONDUCTED BY ATO/RCO/RSO/TCO/CRO/GSO ON JAN 13-16, 1975. THE SURVEY TEAM FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY.

1. FINDINGS:

A. THERE ARE SEVEN (7) OPENINGS IN CCC INTERIOR PERIMETER WALLS ABOVE FALSE CEILING. EACH OPENING IS IN EXCESS OF 90 SQUARE INCHES. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE TEN (10) BUILDING VENTILATION OPENINGS IN EXCESS OF 90 SQUARE INCHES WHICH ARE LOUVERED ON THE OUTSIDE AND GRILLED ON THE INSIDE WITH 1/2 INCH STEEL BAR GRILLS 6 1/2 INCH ON CENTER. THESE GRILLS ARE ATTACHED TO THE WALLS WITH BOTH WOOD AND SHEET METAL SCREWS.

B. THERE ARE ALL TYPES OF ELECTRICAL, TELEPHONE, ALARM WIRES WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN IMBEDDED CONDUITS OR FLOOR CELLS, SOME PASSING UNDER AND OVER THE SHIELDED ENCLOSURE.

C. THE CAPACITY OF THE POWER FEEDER CABLE AND INTERNAL WIRING OF THE CCC ARE SUBSTANDARD AND DO NOT MEET TECHNICAL

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INSTALLATION STANDARDS.

D. THE RECEPTION/REPRODUCTION CRU OUTER ROOM HAS WALL PANELLING AND ACOUSITCAL TILES INSTALLED ON CEILING.

E. THE EXTERIOR WALLS OF SHIELDED ENCLOSURE PARENT ROOM CONSIST OF PAINTED CINDER BLOCKS RECENTLY INSTALLED BY SEABEE TEAM BEHIND BALLISTIC SHIELDING. SUSPENDED CEILING CONSTRUCTED OF EXPANDED METAL COVERED BY PLASTER AND PAINT. ROOF AND FLOOR IS REINFORCED CONCRETE. TWO OF THE THREE INNER WALLS ARE WOOD PARTITION. THE THIRD WALL IS COMPOSED OF MASONRY TILES.

F. THE TCU RADIO ROOM HAS PANELLING ON THE EXTERIOR WALL RECENTLY COMPLETED BY SEABEES AND THE OTHER WALLS CONSIST OF MASONRY. SUSPENDED CEILING IS EXPANDED METAL COVERED BY PLASTER. CEILING AND WALLS ACOUSTICAL TILES HAVE BEEN REMOVED RECENTLY.

G. VAULT DOOR - CLASS 5 WITH DAY GATE AND EXTERNAL VIEWER IS AT POST AND WILL BE INSTALLED CRU CONCURRENTLY WITH OTHER WORK TO BE DONE. THE TCU DOOR HAS ALREADY BEEN INSTALLED.

2. FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE KEYED TO PARA 1 FINDINGS:

A. THE SEVEN (7) OPENINGS LISTED PARA 1 (A) ABOVE TO BE GRILLED WITH 5/8 INCH STEEL BARS, SPACED 5 INCHES ON CENTER, WELDED AT INTERSECTIONS, GROUTED INTO WALL AND OPENINGS SEALED WITH CONCRETE. THE 10 (TEN) VENTILATION OPENINGS ALREADY EQUIPPED WITH 1/2 INCH STEEL BAR GRILLS WILL BE UPGRADED TO MEET S/KAG-1 SPECIFICATIONS.

B. ALL EXTRANEIOUS WIRING IN CCC TO BE REMOVED AND CONDUITS AND FLOOR CELLS SEALED.

C. REMOVE AND REPLACE ALL SUBSTANDARD WIRING AND INSTALL IN SURFACE MOUNTED CONDUITS.

D. THE WALL PANELLING AND ACOUSTICAL TILES IN CRU RECEPTION/REPRODUCTION ROOM WERE RECENTLY INSTALED BY SEABEES AND EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES UNDER SEABEES SUPERVISION. ONLY ADMINISTRATIVE WORK IS CONDUCTED IN THIS ROOM. FURTHERMORE, THE SUSPENDED CEILING ON WHICH THE ACOUSTICAL TILES ARE AFFIXED CAN BE INSPECTED VISUALLY FOR SURREPTITIOUS PENETRATIONS. THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THE ACOUSTICAL TILES BE RETAINED.

E. THE CRITERIA OF S/KAG-1 ARE MET AND NO FURTHER WORK
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IS NECESSARY.

F. THE CEILING AND WALLS ACOUSTICAL TILES ERE REMOVED RECENTLY. PANELLING SIMILAR TO THAT INSTALLED BY SEABEES ON CINDER BLOCK AND BALLISTIC SHIELDING WALL IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING INSTALLED BY TCU PERSONNEL ON THE OTHER THREE WALLS. THE CEILING IS TO BE PLASTERED AND PAINTED.

3. COSTS AND WORK RESPONSIBILITIES KEYED TO PARA 2

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. TO INSURE UNINTERRUPTED AND QUICK COMPLETION OF WORK IN PARAGRAPH 1 (A) IT WOULD BE PREFERRED THAT DEPT MAKE AVAILABLE ONE SEABEE TO BE ASSISTED BY RESIDENT SEABEE. SEABEE SHOULD HAVE MASONRY AND WELDING EXPERIENCE. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY TWO LOCALLY CONTRACTED LABORERS. RESIDENT SEABEE IS PRESENTLY NEEDED FOR OTHER PRIORITY TSO PROJECTS. ESTIMATE COSTS FOR MAN-POWER AND MATERIAL \$600.00. ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE PROJECT, TWO WEEKS.

B. ATO AND GSO WILL PERFORM WITH POST PERSONNEL.

C. ATO WILL SUPPLY MATERIAL AND TECHNICIANS FOR INSTALLATION ENTIRE CCC AREA - GSO WILL CONTRACT TO INSTALL POWER CONDUITS AND CABLING BETWEEN EMERGENCY GENERATOR ROOM AND CCC. ESTIMATED GSO INSTALLATION COST \$1,900.00. CONDUITS AND CABLING TO BE PROVIDED BY ATO.

D. NO COST INVOLVED IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS ACOUSTICAL TILES ON CEILING CAN BE RETAINED. IF NOT, REMOVAL OF TILES AND REFURBISHING SUSPENDED CEILING WILL COST \$400.00.

E. NO CHANGES.

F. NO ADDITIONAL COSTS INVOLVED.

4. FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE EMBASSY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ALLOCATE \$2,500.00 AND PROVIDE SEABEE IN ORDER BRING CCC TO S/KAG-1 SPECIFICATIONS WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DELAYS.
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